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Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Copy of a Japanese Office Action dated September 29, 2009 (and English translation thereof) issued in a counterpart Japanese Application No. 2004-024166;
- (2) Copies of cited foreign documents; and
- (3) IDS Form.

An English translation of said Japanese Office Action is provided, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance for any non-English language documents cited therein (MPEP $609\ III\ A(3)$).

JP 2002-125960, which was cited in said Japanese Office Action dated September 29, 2009, was previously cited in the present application in an IDS filed October 16, 2007.

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Also listed on the attached IDS Form are USP 6,859,513, USP 6,433,341 and USP 5,757,021, which are patent family members of JP 2002-200062, JP 2000-217807 and JP 8-289884, respectively.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from foreign patent offices in counterpart foreign applications not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Said Communication bears a mailing date of September 29, 2009.

It is requested that an initialed copy of the IDS Form be returned to indicate that the documents listed therein have been considered and made of record.

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